the Kui group, who are in the ST category, have been resisting this demand on the ground that they were ethnically different from the Panas.

(ii) Anti-conversion campaign conducted by some organizations created an atmosphere of prejudice and suspicion against the Christian community/organizations.

Decision on creation of Telangana State

2541. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has so far taken any decision for creation of a separate Telangana State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken for an early decision by Government on Statehood for Telangana in national interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The matter requires consultations with a view to forge a concensus. On the basis of consensus the decision in this respect will be taken.

Visas to Sikh NRIs

2542. SARDAR TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to review the existing policy of not giving visas to the Sikh NRIs who took part in protests during army attack on Golden Temple in 1984;

(b) how many people are in that list who are still being considered not suitable to be granted visa, the figure-wise and country-wise details thereof;

(c) how many applications for grant of visa under this category are pending in each country; and

(d) whether Government will have discussions with Sikh Members of Parliament on this issue in the Session?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) Representation have been received regarding problems being faced by Sikh NRIs in getting visas. The information in this regard is being collected and the matter will be duly examined.

Central funds under MPF to Gujarat

2543. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount released under Modernisation of Police Force (MPF) to Gujarat during the last seven years;

(b) whether it is a fact that allocation under MPF to Gujarat has been reduced;

(c) whether Government is sensitive to the strengthening of security in the border State of Gujarat; and

(d) if so, whether the Centre proposes to reconsider its decision and sanction adequate funds for MPF in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) The Year-wise details of Central funds released to Gujarat under the Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Force (MPF Scheme), during the last seven years 2001-02 to 2007-08 are as under:

(*Rs. in crore*)

Year	Amount released
2001-02	50.00
2002-03	50.00
2003-04	42.21
2004-05	39.54
2005-06	39.84
2006-07	45.52
2007-08	51.90
TOTAL :	319.01

(b) to (d) To supplement the efforts of the State Governments in modernizing their police forces, the Central Government has been implementing a Non-plan Scheme namely the "Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces" (MPF Scheme). Central assistance to the States is determined keeping in view, *inter-alia*, the demands and security scenario in other States, utilization of funds by the concerned State and overall availability of funds under the Schemes as per the allocations received from the Ministry of Finance.

Fire in slums in Delhi

2544. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases in Delhi where dwelling units in slum areas was gutted during 2007 and so far during 2008;

(b) the number of persons who lost their lives, seriously injured and the dwelling units destroyed in each case separately;

(c) the compensation, if any, paid for those killed, seriously injured and the dwellings destroyed in each case, category-wise; and